

December 28, 2006
Seven o'clock P.M.
North Little Rock City Hall Council Chambers
300 Main Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

The regular meeting of the North Little Rock City Council (which was rescheduled due to the Christmas Holidays) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the honorable Mayor PATRICK HENRY HAYS. The roll having been called, and the following Aldermen answered to their names: MARTIN GIPSON, NEIL BRYANT, LINDA ROBINSON, GARY BERRY, JOHN PARKER, CHARLIE HIGHT and MURRY WITCHER, a quorum was declared (7/0). Alderman OLEN THOMAS was on his way. City Clerk Diane Whitbey and City Attorney Paul Suskie were also present.

The invocation was given by Alderman Witcher, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was led by Alderman Hight.

On the motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting and a special call meeting, held on Monday, December 11, 2006, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (7/0).

Mayor Hays recessed the meeting briefly. The meeting was reconvened at 7:08 p.m. Alderman Thomas advised he had an accident recently and advised he was glad to be back and thanked everyone for their cards and calls.

On the blanket motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, communications # 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were accepted and filed (8/0).

2. Charlotte Thomas, Mayor's Office memorandum re: replacement retail liquor and retail beer off premises permit for Keystone Liquor, 4909 MacArthur Drive by Susan Duell Paulton.
3. Charlotte Thomas, Mayor's Office memorandum re: change of manager restaurant mixed drink and Sunday beverage permit for Carino's Italian Kitchen, 4221 Warden Road by Diana L. Blount.
4. Charlotte Thomas, Mayor's Office memorandum re: new restaurant mixed drink permit for Cregeen's Irish Pub, 301 Main Street by Jason Robert Fallis.
5. James Ard letter "to whom it may concern" re: improper inspection and injuries to a citizen and asked who will pay damages (State Electrical Inspection Worksheet attached).
6. Edie Wilkerson, letter and Petition requesting Speed Bumps on Edgemere between 4835 and 4204 (15 signatures).
7. Gary Mills, Wastewater Director, Resolution of North Little Rock Wastewater Committee agreeing to imposition of Franchise Fee.

On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Witcher, communication #1 was read, accepted and filed (8/0).

1. Richard Davies, Executive Director Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism letter to Mayor Hays re: North Little Rock awarded matching grant monies (based on state real estate

transfer tax collections) \$70,000.00 to assist in construction of accessible walkways,

restrooms, amphitheater, removal of overhead lines and replacement of lighting system at Old Mill/T. R. Pugh Memorial Park.

Mayor Hays convened public hearings at 7:10 p.m. on O-06-124, creating the “Lower Baring Cross Redevelopment District” and O-06-125, creating the “Dark Hollow Redevelopment District”. Mayor Hays reviewed uses and exemptions of redevelopment districts under state law. A question regarding 25 mills, is before the Arkansas Supreme Court. A ruling is expected soon. Mr. Kevin (inaudible) said no one understands what this means and that the ordinance is based on state code. He discussed taxes paid into a state fund and asked about redirecting funds to the school district. The city is bounded on all sides, limiting growth. The Dark Hollow property is swamp land and a poor use location. However, it is a high traffic area. He asked for a compromise and discussed Act 9 (pay limited taxes) and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District establishes base evaluation and incremental monies. Scott Miller, President Argenta Neighborhood Boosters Association said they support the Lower Baring Cross District. He said Jack Finnegan advised the Baring Cross Neighborhood Association strongly supports this development. Infrastructure costs for the area will be costly due to a lack of utilities, sidewalks, etc. This plan is needed. Mr. Miller referenced Alltel Arena, the ball park, trolley and increased property values in the Argenta area, which have and will increase tax revenue for the school district. Children represent State Turnback Funds for the school district, outside benefits will exceed current funds. The Argenta area has approximately 200 homes which generate tax funds for the school district. Further residential development is the key. Trent Cox is President of the North Little Rock School Board and spoke for the school district. He said the City of North Little Rock and the North Little Rock School District have had a good relationship. He understands the structure of TIF Districts. The school district needs to be able to grow, but is limited due to the Pulaski County School District. Mr. Bruce Burrow, Bells-Burrow discussed the Dark Hollow project which he has worked on for four (4) years. He referenced the first TIF District in the state, Turtle Creek and said sales at the location had exceeded expectations. Mr. Burrow discussed the use of Act 9 and said it is for Industrial type tenants. School districts in the state are expected to spend a specific amount per student. The development in Dark Hollow will create 1,700 new jobs, and at least \$275 million in revenue. Sales and income tax will offset any exemptions provided to a TIF District. Mr. Burrow has invested \$2 million in the Dark Hollow site. Mayor Hays adjourned the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. Without objection O-06-124 and O-06-125 were called.

O-06-124 (ORDINANCE NO. 7896 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS #2 (“LOWER BARING CROSS REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT”) PURSUANT TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 14-168-301 ET SEQ., SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ARK. CODE ANN. § 14-168-305, DESIGNATING THE BOUNDARIES OF SUCH PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND FOR THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES GENERATED ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A public hearing was held this date (see above). On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, the

rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The ordinance was read a third and final time. On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows:: *insert today's date in blank in Section 1: and insert Mayor in blank in Section 6* (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Hight, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-06-125 (ORDINANCE NO. 7897 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS #3 ("DARK HOLLOW REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT") PURSUANT TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 14-168-301 ET SEQ., SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ARK. CODE ANN. § 14-168-305, DESIGNATING THE BOUNDARIES OF SUCH PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND FOR THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES GENERATED ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A public hearing was held this date (see above). On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Thomas, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The ordinance was read a third and final time. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Berry, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows:: *insert date in Section 1* (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Hight, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

Alderman Bryant said he had a problem with the length of time (25 years) and that 10 - 15 years would be more feasible.

Mayor Hays convened a special call this date.
December 22, 2006

Honorable Members of the City Council
Re: Special Council Meeting
Dear Members of the City Council:

This is to advise that we have called a special Council meeting of the North Little Rock City Council for 7:00 p.m., on December 28, 2006, at City Hall, Council Chambers, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The following will be on the agenda:

- 1) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK AND NRG ENTERGY, INC; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsored by: Mayor Patrick H. Hays

- 2) A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE POLICY FOR THE DICKEY-STEPHENS PARKING LOT LOCATED WEST OF THE BROADWAY BRIDGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsored by: Mayor Patrick H. Hays

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Mayor Patrick H. Hays

The law requires that each of you be notified of the time, place and subject matter of any specially called Council meeting. This notice does not require any special written formalities or waivers on your behalf, unless you are notified within a 24-hour period prior to the special meeting.

It is requested that each of you sign the cover letter simply to indicate that you have been informed of the nature and time of the meeting. However, please be aware that your signature is not required unless a period of less than 24 hours remains before the designated time for the meeting and you have not previously received notice.

This will evidence that I have received this notice of a special Council meeting for 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 28, 2006, at City Hall, Council Chambers, North Little Rock, and waive time of notice.

/s/ Martin Gipson
MARTIN GIPSON

/s/ Gary Berry
GARY BERRY

/s/ Neil Bryant
NEIL BRYANT

/s/ John Parker
JOHN PARKER

/s/ Olen Thomas
OLEN THOMAS

/s/ Murry Witcher
MURRY WITCHER

/s/ Linda Robinson
LINDA ROBINSON

/s/ Charlie Hight
CHARLIE HIGHT

SPECIAL CALL #1 (RESOLUTION NO. 7035 - MAYOR HAYS)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK AND NRG ENTERGY, INC.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Mr. Joe Gertsch, North Little Rock Electric General Manager advised

there are no additional costs related to this item. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

SPECIAL CALL #2 (RESOLUTION NO. 7036 - MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE POLICY FOR THE DICKEY-STEPHENS PARKING LOT LOCATED WEST OF THE BROADWAY BRIDGE, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Bryant. Alderman Hight asked about “season” ticket holders versus “box seat” ticket holders. Mayor Hays said parking will be first come first serve. Mayor Hays said his intent would be to waive parking fees on city property during ball games that do not conflict with Alltel Arena events, which should provide the public with ample free parking. On the previous motion and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

O-06-120

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THAT CERTAIN SPOUSES OF ELIGIBLE RETIRED MEMBER OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK FIREMEN’S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND ARE ENTITLED TO BENEFITS UNDER THE PLAN PROVIDED THAT SAID RETIRED MEMBER HAVE MARRIED AFTER RETIREMENT AND HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR AT LEAST FIVE (5) YEARS TO THE SPOUSE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read three times December 11, 2006, was read a final time.

Alderman Gipson discussed unfunded mandates. Mr. Bob Sisson, Finance Director reviewed the differences between Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Employee Pension benefits and distribution options. Mr. Sisson said in this case, the wife would receive the pension regardless of her age. If the fireman divorced, then pension would be determined based on the contents of the divorce decree. If the retired fireman remarried, benefits to the ex-wife would cease upon the death of the fireman. After further discussion, a motion to adopt was made by Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Hight, and the following members voted in the affirmative: Robinson, Berry, Hight and Witcher, and the following member voted no: Bryant, and the following members passed: Gipson, Thomas and Parker, the motion failed (4/1/3).

NEW BUSINESS

R-06-161 (RESOLUTION NO. 7037 - MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$19,103.56 FOR PAYMENT OF EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION AND NOVEMBER 28, 2006 RUN-OFF ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-06-162

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ARKANSAS BOATHOUSE CLUB; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Mayor Hays asked if Exhibit “B” had been provided. Mayor Hays reviewed the conditions of the lease agreement which would begin with a 1 year lease at \$100.00 per month for six months, then \$500.00 a month, and be renegotiated annually. The city would have the right to terminate the agreement with a 30 day notice. Mr. Suskie recommended

striking reference to Exhibit “B” from the resolution. After discussion, Mayor Hays held the item. *(Note: item to be refiled for January 8, 2007 meeting).*

R-06-163 (RESOLUTION NO. 7038 - MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE LINK INCORPORATED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM AS AUTHORIZED BY ARK. CODE ANN. § 15-4-2706 (d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-06-164 (RESOLUTION NO. 7039 - MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB; APPROPRIATING FUNDS (\$37,500.00 - General Fund); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-06-123 (ORDINANCE NO. 7898 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 2006 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 7773; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Berry, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The ordinance was read a third and final time. On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows:: *attached Exhibit “A”* (8/0). Mr. Sisson reviewed the amendments. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-06-126 (ORDINANCE NO. 7899 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF LANDS COMMONLY DESCRIBED AS LANDS TO BE TITLED THE “VOEGELE TWO ANNEXATION” TO THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, AND MAKING VOEGELE TWO ANNEXATION A PART OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson, and seconded by Alderman Berry, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). Alderman Hight asked if this was swamp land previously discussed. Alderman Gispon said (in the vicinity of) 1,000 acres will be developed into 200 homes sites within the

next 10 years. Alderman Witcher asked if the city could annex land and annex the area into the school district. Mayor Hays asked Mr. Suskie to check into it and advise the council.

O-06-127, at the request of Mayor Hays was called at the end of new business.

O-06-128 (ORDINANCE NO. 7900 - ALDERMAN WITCHER)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-78 OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE CALLING OF THE ROLL AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The ordinance was read a third and final time. Mr. Suskie advised the purpose of the ordinance was to codify the procedure currently being followed. *(Previous ordinance(s) indicate seating order shall be by Ward, then in Ward 1 and 4, the senior member would sit the furthest from the Mayor, and in Ward 2 and 3 the senior member would sit closest to the Mayor and that the roll would be called by Ward, then by seniority within the Ward. This amendment would allow the senior member of each Ward to choose his or her seat, and the roll would be called in seating order beginning in Ward 1, then seat 1 and 2, and so on through Ward 4.)* On the motion of Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Alderman Hight who voted no, the ordinance was adopted (7/1). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-06-129 (ORDINANCE NO. 7901 - ALDERMAN BRYANT)

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WEST 25TH AND SCHAEER STREETS IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS FROM R-3 TO C-3 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; ADOPTING AN AMENDED LAND USE PLAN FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). *(applicants: John Tolliver and Ernie Alonzo)*

O-06-130 (ORDINANCE NO. 7902 - ALDERMAN BRYANT)

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A SPECIAL USE FOR A MINOR AUTO REPAIR AND TIRE INSTALLATION BUSINESS IN AN R-3 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 904 WEST 25TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

On the motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Thomas, and by consent of all

members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: John Tolliver*)

O-06-131 (ORDINANCE NO. 7903 - ALDERMAN HIGHT)

AN ORDINANCE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF REMOUNT AND MISSION ROADS IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM THE PRESENT R-1 TO R-0 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: Mark Rickett*)

O-06-132 (ORDINANCE NO. 7904 - ALDERMEN HIGHT AND WITCHER)

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF INDIAN HILLS AND JFK BOULEVARDS IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS FROM R-2 TO C-1 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE; ADOPTING AN AMENDED LAND USE PLAN FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: Casche Carter*)

O-06-133

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF EAST 7TH STREET TO BISHOP D. L. LINDSEY AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held at the request of the

sponsor, Alderwoman Robinson. Alderman Thomas will be added as a cosponsor. (*Note: item to be refiled for January 8, 2007 meeting*).

O-06-134 (ORDINANCE NO. 7905 - ALDERMAN PARKER)

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A SPECIAL USE FOR A CELL TOWER IN A C-3 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AT 9001 CRYSTAL HILL ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Parker and seconded by Alderman Berry, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Parker and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: Charles Singleton*) Alderman Bryant asked Mr. Singleton to maintain the property.

O-06-127 (ORDINANCE NO. 7906 - ALDERMAN WITCHER)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7888, THE 2007 BUSINESS LICENSE SCHEDULE, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). After discussion, and on the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Berry, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS-----

Alderwoman Robinson said she had received calls from residents of Ward 2 who have asked if the city could continue the one-cent sales tax (for the ballpark and Hays Center) and use the revenue to help offset some of the 38% electric rate increase in 2007. Mr. James Ard referred to a communication he filed and advised a citizen was injured due to negligence of a city employee. Mr. Ard also said Code Enforcement was picking on him over a sign he had on a building and cited other violations in the city which are left alone. Scott Miller spoke on behalf of the Argenta Neighborhood boosters and advised they were concerned about O-06-133, renaming 7th Street. They are not opposed to renaming the street, but that a consensus is needed due to the historical value of the area. Part of 7th Street is in the Argenta Historic District. Ms. Bobbie Brents is a member of Neighbors United for Levy and asked Mayor Hays if Neighborhood Services could get a new folding machine for neighborhood groups to use. The current one is malfunctioning. The alley behind 1324 Franklin needs to be cleaned. She was told the city doesn't clean alleys anymore. Mayor Hays will have someone check it. Alderman Hight said he has received calls from residents in Ward 4 regarding the leaf vacuum and concerns the program would cease soon. Mr. Harold Ford said the crews are making their second round of the season and are currently working in two areas (Midtown to Scenic and the southern edge of Lakewood). Mayor Hays assured Alderman Hight the vacuum would continue. Ms. Pat Harris said the leaf crew picked up her leaves and wants them to come back. Alderman Bryant thanked the sanitation department for picking up the luminaries.

Mayor Hays invited Alderman Gary Berry to the podium and presented him with a plaque from the city council thanking him for his service on the council and to the citizens of North Little Rock for the past 8 years. Alderman Berry said he doesn't say a lot. He learned to be quiet, listen and learn. He thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Hays invited Alderman Martin Gipson to the podium and presented him with a plaque from the city council thanking him for his service on the council and to the citizens of North Little Rock for the past 24 years. Alderman Gipson has served the city on various committees and boards. He is a past President of the Arkansas Municipal League, which is an honor rarely bestowed to a council member. Alderman Gipson introduced his wife Sarah, daughter Julie and two grandchildren. Alderman Gipson said he has learned a lot during his service on the council. He talked about the progress made in the city and discussed his plans for the future, including hunting and fishing with his grandson. Everyone was invited to stay after the meeting for cake and punch.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Gipson and by agreement of the remaining council members, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. (8/0), until the next rescheduled meeting to be held on Monday, January 8, 2007, at seven o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 300 Main Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

APPROVED: MAYOR PATRICK HENRY HAYS

ATTEST: DIANE WHITBEY, CITY CLERK